

It is blatantly clear that Sinclair Broadcasting is using public airwaves to influence the presidential election. Their decision to force its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary, pre-empting the stations' already-scheduled programs, points out the danger of media consolidation and the necessity for the return to a fairness doctrine.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and thus is obligated by law to serve the public interest. In this case, Sinclair is using the public airwaves free of charge to serve the Republican Party's interest.

The media is fast turning into a propaganda machine, spitting out messages that are underwritten by corporations and/or special interests. The law to serve the public interest has been eroded. The media can no longer be believed or trusted. Media ownership rules need to be strengthened.

Thank you.